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To the RFS2 WG Participants:

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Brief update on the next steps in the final rule development process for the RFS2 Rule.

The Options Selection Meeting is scheduled with the Administrator for October 29. The appropriate AA's and RA's have been notified and invited. Our team is working round the clock to complete the necessary updates to the various analytical components, some of which are critical to informing key directions / decisions in finalizing the provisions and impacts of the rule.

The primary areas that will be presented and discussed with the Administrator next week are:

- Lifecycle Updates to methodology, results and application / impacts of changes for use in compliance determinations
- Renewable Biomass Evaluation of possible aggregate compliance approach to verify EISA land and feedstock restrictions
- Setting 2010 EISA Volume Standards Overall Standard, Cellulosic Standard and application of standards in other categories including Biomass Based Diesel
- FRM Completion Schedule Scenario Implications and impact/s on 2010 implementation approaches

While our team will make every effort to provide the draft materials to the WG a few days in advance of the meeting, our current internal OAR briefing calendar may limit our ability to have our leadership both briefed and then revisions made until the night before options selection.

Please let me know if you have any questions. I'll brief you if this changes and / or send around the materials when they become available.

Best Regards, Paul

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